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"ON THE HOME STRETCH." JUST EIGHT MORE DAYS OF THE BIG PRIZE POPULARITY CONTEST.

Who will be crowned the most popular people in the Big Sandy Valley? A question that no one can answer for no one knows. Every one is hustling with a vim and vigor that they themselves did not know they were capable of and the result is bound to be one of the most exciting and thrilling contests that ever characterized a similar enterprise in this state. Many "dark horses" are coming to the front so that it is impossible to predict to whom victory will fall.

THE TIME IS SHORT

In which to win glory and prizes for your "Favorite." Don't give up now. Stick to the finish, 19 miles hang in the balance—the greatest prize list ever put on by a weekly paper in this state. Hustle in the subscriptions. Make your "favorite" a Winner at all hazards.

Who will be the winner of the 19th district prize?

Whom will be the winners of the 15 districts prizes?

These are some of the questions that are being asked daily all up and down the Big Sandy Valley and as no one can answer them for no one knows—not even the contest manager. So close has the race become that it is impossible to even hazard a guess as to what the outcome will be.

Will you be a Winner? This is a question every contestant must answer for himself or herself. If you are made of the right stuff, you will make certain that you will land a prize. It is certainly not worth while to enter the home stretch with any other idea than to breast the line first. All things come to he or she who hustles and hustles every minute.

8—Days More—8

Just eight days more of this big prize competition. Not a very long time, to be sure—but just long enough to defeat more than one candidate unless some very strenuous efforts are put forth this week. Every vote counts and as many subscriptions as possible should be turned in for it is much better to have a surplus of votes on March 22 than not quite enough.

This Week's Vote Offer.

This week, we have another big vote inducement, which, while not near as big as the Best Offer which was in force last week, will nevertheless, enable you to get a great many votes on your subscriptions. Here is the offer:

Double Votes will be given on both old and new subscriptions turned in to the NEWS Office between the dates of Friday morning, March 14 and Thursday night, March 20 at 8 p. m. In addition to this offer we will give 1000 Extra Votes on every NEW subscription turned in between the above mentioned dates. Subscriptions sent by mail will be issued and the votes counted on this offer if the envelope is postmarked not later than 8 p. m. Thursday, March 20th.

THIS BIG VOTE OFFER POSITIVELY WILL NOT BE REPEATED. On and after 8 p. m., Thursday, March 20th, the vote schedule will take another big drop and continue so the last two days of the contest. WE GUARANTEE THAT there never will be a Bigger Offer at any future time during the contest and that the above vote offer will not be repeated. Take this statement as a fair warning, for you will certainly lose a lot of votes and probably the prize you are working for if you fail to send in all the subscriptions before March 20th that you can possibly secure. Send in all your old and new subscriptions before this big vote inducement comes to a close. Then any subscriptions you get the last two days of the contest can be turned in under the reduced schedule. This is your LAST CHANCE TO GET THESE BIG VOTES.

Cash Your Promises.

This is the week you should call on all those "see-you-later" friends and get their promises to subscribe fulfilled. Explain to them that you will never be able to get any bigger votes on their subscriptions and if they hand them in now, it will be a great help to you for the last two days of the contest, you will not be able to get near as many votes. A little "see-you-later" is worth all the "see-you-later" in the world after the race is over. Don't neglect any possible opportunity to secure votes and subscriptions. Call on every person that you can possibly think of and do so before next Thursday night. After the contest is over, you will probably be able to think of scores of subscriptions that you might have

had if you had only called on your friends. Get all the promises off your hands as early in the week as possible and send in your subscriptions so that the vote ballots can be issued and returned to you at once. Then any subscriptions you get the last two days of the contest can be turned in on the last day. It certainly would be mighty irritating to lose the beautiful Royal Piano by a narrow margin of 5,000 votes. But that is just what may happen if you don't get busy this week.

Don't Be Bluffed.

Don't get discouraged and above all don't let your competitor bluff you out. If you do, you'll feel like kicking yourself around the block for about three weeks after the contest closes to think how easy you let a valuable prize slip through your grasp. In every contest, there are always a lot of "croakers" who try to make the candidates believe that they are really friends. They go to a candidate and say "What's the use of you working any longer for such and such a candidate has a great deal more votes than you and of course there is no chance for you to win. You had better drop out now." Makes you feel rather panicky to hear that sort of "bunk." doesn't it? But stop and think—how can this so-called friend know more about the race than YOU who has been in touch with the race right from the start and who understands the system under which it is conducted? How can this "kind" of a friend know who has got the most votes when the contest manager himself has not the slightest idea who has this honor. If there would be anybody in a position to know how many votes any contestant has, it certainly would be the manager of the campaign. But under the system which the contest is conducted, it is impossible for anyone (even the manager—his assistant or any one in the NEWS office) to find out how many votes any contestant has. When a subscription is sent in, the votes are issued and immediately sent back to the contestant. No record is kept of them and they are only counted when they are returned to be put in the ballot box when they are published in the paper.

Are These Your Friends?

To give you an idea of these false friends, the following illustrations will tell you how they work to your disadvantage. In a contest just a short time ago, one contestant listened to the advice of one of these "kind" friends and did not turn in even all the subscriptions she had on hand. In consequence, she lost a \$500.00 Automobile and had no one to blame but herself and that false friend, for the contest was conducted on an absolutely fair and square basis. In another contest and for a similar reason, a contestant lost a \$350 Piano. Now the question is, are you going to be bluffed out or are you going to stick to the finish and see the race through? With the end of the race such a short time away, your true friends would advise you to stick and gather in the biggest prize possible.

WARNING.

The Contest Manager issues a warning that no checks will be accepted on March 21st and 22nd—the last two days of the contest. If you take checks for subscriptions, have them made payable to your self and convert into cash before making the final settlement.

About a Closing.

Many people, judging from rumors and gossip, have an entirely erroneous idea as to the closing of the contest and are under the impression that it is possible for some persons to have a little inside knowledge which will enable them to turn in enough money to win out on the last day or night of the contest. To insure absolute fairness, the management has adopted the following precautions to govern the last three days of the contest. The contest manager will make his final count on Wednesday, March 19th and all votes clipped from the paper and store votes must be deposited in the ballot box before 8 o'clock that night. Immediately after he makes his final count, the ballot box will be sealed and the key turned over to the judges who will be selected from prominent men from this city. The final three days voting will be entirely in their charge. So you can rest assured that any votes you place in the ballot box after March 19th will not be seen by anyone until the judges break open the box and begin to count the votes after the contest closes.

It is absolutely impossible for anyone to find out how many votes and subscriptions has for no one knows

—not even the contest manager. No record is kept of the amount of vote issued and to whom they are issued. We simply keep the name and address of the subscriber and the length of subscription. After the contest manager makes his final count, the ballots will be sealed and so that it cannot be opened until the judges are ready, after the contest closes, to make the count and decide the winners. It can readily be seen that no person is in a position to furnish anyone with tips that would place a candidate in a position which would give her an advantage over the other candidates. The entire aim of the management of the Big Sandy News and the contest department is to safeguard the interests of all candidates so that there will be absolutely no possibility of anything but a square deal to all. It is the contestants who put forth the most active efforts from now until the close that will have the best chance.

Closes 9 P. M. March 22.

The Big Sandy News Great Prize Popularity Contest which has been the talk of this part of Kentucky for the past seven weeks will come to a close promptly at 9 o'clock, Saturday night, March 22. Those depending on the mails to send their votes and subscriptions, should mail them so they will be sure to reach the NEWS Office before the closing hour. Don't take any chances on not having them get here in time for if they failed to do so, you might lose a prize. Pick up all of your subscriptions and reserve votes and send them to the contest department so that they will reach us before the closing hour. By reserve votes, we mean the yellow ballots which have been given or sent back to you when you turned in subscriptions. Send all of these ballots that you have in reserve, back to the contest department so they will reach us the closing day. Seal in envelopes before sending and we will drop them into the ballot box for you. Or better still, come down to Louisa if you can the closing day and drop them into the ballot box yourself.

At the Department at Bank.

Forer to accommodate the contestants and large number of their friends who are planning to attend the closing day, the contest department will move to the Louisa National Bank after 6 p. m. March 22. There will be better facilities for the care of the crowds. All persons having vote ballots and subscriptions to turn in must be inside of the bank before 9 o'clock the closing night. Subscriptions will be accepted from those who are inside of the bank at that hour but promptly at 9 p. m. that night, the doors of the bank will be locked and no one will be allowed to enter thereafter to turn in subscriptions. Don't forget that you will find the contest manager and his assistant at the Louisa National Bank after 6 p. m. March 22.

Judges Make Final Count.

Immediately after the last subscription has been turned in and all the vote ballots have been deposited in the ballot box, the judges will commence the work of counting the votes.

The contest manager has one request to make of the contestants, and that is, bring in your subscriptions as early as possible. You will get far more votes if you do for Thursday, March 20, the vote schedule will take another big drop and continue so the rest of the contest. IT IS ADVISABLE THAT YOU TURN IN EVERY SUBSCRIPTION YOU CAN POSSIBLY GET, WHETHER IT MAY BE OLD OR NEW, BEFORE 8 P. M. MARCH 20th as that is the time the present big vote offer comes to a close. This big offer will not be repeated. Any subscription you get on the last two days of the contest can be turned in the last day. If you don't do this, you are liable to lose a great many votes in the hurry of the last few hours.

NOTICE.

All votes clipped from the paper or store votes must be deposited in the ballot box before 8 P. M. Wednesday March 19th. We do this to clear the boards of the judges on the final count. Vote ballots issued on subscriptions are good any time up to the close and need not be deposited in the ballot box until the last night if you do not care to.

Two Special Prizes.

Two Special Prizes are offered this week to the candidates in the big contest by Mr. J. Isaksky, the popular merchant of Louisa. Complete details of this prize offer will be found in the advertisement on another page.

From now until the next issue, contestants will be allowed to poll enough votes to place their standing 500,000 in advance of the leader in to-day's issue. After that time, the limit will be raised altogether. However, it is not advisable to poll too big a bunch of votes for it will simply weaken your reserve vote.

If there has been any mistakes in the count of any contestants votes up to the present date, it must be called to the attention of the contest manager before next Wednesday.

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BOY LOSES AN ARM.

Little Son of a Blind Man Has Arm Cut Off By Train.

Frank Blankenship, aged twelve years, and son of Birch Blankenship who lives near the Crabtree gap, about a mile and a half below this city, is on a bed in the hospital minus his left arm. This very unfortunate condition of this early period in the lad's life was caused by his attempting to get on a moving C. and O. freight train a short distance below the Fulkerson place last Sunday afternoon. The boy's own story, which is corroborated by several eye witnesses, is that as the train passed along he ran for some distance by the side of it, trying to jump on. He finally succeeded in grasping the hand hold when the train jerked him from his feet, and when he let go he fell so close to the rails that one wheel caught his arm, completely stripping the skin and some of the tissues from near the shoulder to the hand. He was carried to the hospital, where Dr. York found it necessary to amputate the arm at a point near the shoulder. At last account from the unfortunate boy he was resting easy and doing well. This serious accident, which might have been a fatal one, is but one of many object lessons in the criminal folly of trying to board a moving train. Such actions are to be seen nearly every day right here in Louisa, and the wonder is that more accidents do not result from such attempts.

HAD CLOSE CALL.

Charley Williams, a C. and O. brakeman, had a close call for his life on Saturday morning last. He was attending to his duties near the freight depot in this city. In order to get to the end of switch near the old canning factory he made a jump at one of the cars in a west bound freight train as it passed him. He caught the hand hold and had his feet in the stirrup, but his hands slipped and the moving train, going at a lively rate, threw him into a cattle guard nearly fifteen feet distant. He was much stunned and bruised, and it required half a dozen stitches to close a lacerated wound in the top of his head. Williams was attended by C. and O. surgeon Wroten and the injured man was sent to his home in Huntington. When Charley "came to" after his head-on collision with the ties he expressed great surprise and satisfaction when he found himself able to walk.

BARREN OF TRUTH.

Our former townsman, Joe. Elwick, now of Glenwood, was in Louisa Monday. He brands as untrue the statement of "Deadwood Dick" that Fred Elwick had been bitten by a mad dog and would be sent to a Pasteur institute for treatment. Mr. Elwick says that nothing of the sort ever occurred. The NEWS is not to blame for publishing the letter, it having had the signature of the writer, but it will be very much to blame if it publishes another from the same source.

A PLEASANT LITTLE PARTY.

Not long since Mrs. James Reynolds entertained very pleasantly in honor of her attractive niece Kizzie Clay Burns. The guests, a round dozen in all, were chums of the young lady in whose honor the function was given, and they greatly enjoyed the distinction of having been bidden to the feast of finch and the inseparable accompaniment of the very nicest things to eat. All who in any way participated in the affair enjoyed it to the limit.

Was Daughter Of Henry Booton.

The NEWS was in error when it said last week in speaking of Mrs. Will Layne, deceased, that she was a daughter of the late Squire Patton. Her father was Henry Booton, a well known and prominent citizen of this county.

BURNED TO DEATH.

The eight year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Rickman, who live near Richardson, was burned to death on Friday last. The funeral was held at Graves Shoal the following Sunday. The NEWS was unable to learn the particulars of the unfortunate occurrence.

DIED ON TRAIN.

William Lemaster died on No. 38 last Saturday evening while the train was at Buchanan. The body was taken to Paintsville and from there to Mayfield county. The most diligent inquiry on part of this paper failed to obtain particulars.

BY LOCAL MINISTER.

Governor Hatfield, of West Virginia, not only had the pleasure of marrying a Kentucky girl, but had the honor of being married by a Louisa minister, the Rev. H. B. Hewlett, of the M. E. Church South.

SCHOOL SUPERVISORS ELECTED.

At the last meeting of the County Board of Education Miss Elizabeth Lester and Mr. Don Belcher were elected supervisors of public schools for Lawrence county at a salary of \$80 per month. They will take a special course in this work at the State Normal this spring. Miss Lester holds a life State certificate. She is a daughter of Lindsay Lester, of this place. Mr. Belcher is a successful teacher, of Gallup.

It was agreed to build four new school houses if proper sites can be secured on satisfactory terms.

Further payment was made on old debts that the board found against various school districts when it came into office. This board has now settled nearly \$4000 of such debts.

\$100 was appropriated for premiums in the corn growing and good roads contests.

LOUISA HOSPITALITY.

Louisa people extended a very graceful and abundant hospitality to the Rev. Mr. Miller while he was within their gates. He was warmly received by the church and made to feel "at home" by his entertainers, Mr. and Mrs. Williams Adams and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bromley, and possibly others of his church. And others were not backward in their attentions. On Tuesday Mr. Miller, with Rev. Crites, of the M. E. Church South, Hamilton, of the Baptist church, and Summers, of the Christian church, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Burns for dinner, and on Wednesday Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sammons entertained the same clerical gentlemen with the exception of Mr. Summers, with a high noon feast of the fat things of the land. Mrs. Hamilton graced this occasion with her presence. These hosts are hospitable to a degree, and their guests have a graceful and appreciative sense of the enjoyment afforded on these notable occasions.

A HARD SQUEEZE.

Clyde Ferguson, a son of Lindsay Ferguson, of this city, had a narrow escape from a horrible death near Somerset a short time ago. He, with some other young men, were riding on a coal train on the L. and N. railroad when several loaded cars overturned. Ferguson was caught under a great mass of coal and was nearly dead when extricated. His chest was all but crushed, and he had to wear a plaster cast for several days. He is now at home and has about recovered.

LOCAL OIL FIELDS.

Work is Active in Lawrence and Morgan Counties.

The Wayne Oil company has taken a lease on 40 acres of the 200 acre tract belonging to D. C. Hughes, near Busseyville, and will drill a well.

M. Turner is drilling a well for the Busseyville company on the O'Neal farm. He has contracted to drill two wells in developed territory. These two wells are expected to almost double the income of the Busseyville company. Being capitalized at only \$5000 this makes a very attractive investment.

The well on the Lackey farm, two miles from Louisa, has been cased and should be completed in less than two weeks.

The W. V. Roberts well is going down rapidly and should come in within two weeks.

The Ohio Fuel company has a well near completion two miles east of Fort Gay.

Most of the available territory in this vicinity has been leased by the Ohio Fuel and the Wayne companies.

The third producer was drilled in in the Cannel City field Monday with every indication that it will eclipse either of the others in production. It shows a volume of more than 1,500,000 feet of gas per day and a flow of oil variously estimated at from 600 to 1,000 barrels per day. On account of the terrific pressure even an approximately correct estimate is hard to make, but the most conservative do not hesitate to say that it is a much better well than either the "Gray Eagle" or the Terrill No. 1, and that is admitting a great deal.

Great excitement prevails at Cannel City and all kinds of rumors are afloat in regard to deals that are being negotiated and the prices offered for territory adjacent to these wells.—Licking Valley Courier.

A Transaction In Land.

A land deal has recently been consummated by which M. L. Burgess becomes the owner of the Lya Garred homestead and Dr. T. D. Burgess becomes the owner of the M. L. Burgess farm. This transaction is of more than ordinary agricultural interest.

"Big Sandy Against the World."

According to the promoters of a scheme to pipe it to Ironton the Big Sandy water is practically free from sewage and contains but one per cent of magnesia, and is practically free from bacteria.

MENT FOR MAYO.

Can Go to South America as United States Minister.

Washington, March 6.—It is stated on good authority that John C. Mayo, of Kentucky, millionaire coal man and prominent in Democratic national politics, has been tendered the position of Minister to one of the largest Southern republics, and that he has the offer under consideration.

When it first became known that Mr. Mayo had been offered a foreign post there were many expressions that he would not consider leaving Kentucky under any conditions but later the talk is that he has not turned down the proffer.

Mr. Mayo is well known in Washington, where he has made many friends by his charming personality and his ability. His rise from a country school teacher to a dominant figure in the coal business and financial genius have made the wish ones sit up and take notice of him, and the offer of the Southern post is a well-merited recognition of his ability.

ASHLAND HOTEL.

Ashland seems in a fair way to get what the traveling has been demanding for several years—a good hotel. A movement is on foot to build a fine structure and this has awakened the owners of the Ventures to the point of at least threatening to spend \$28,000 in repairing and remodeling their building. Ashland, Catlettsburg and Ironton have been contributing to Huntington's prosperity for several years by sending all the high class trade to the latter's good hotels.

PULPIT AND PEW.

The protracted meeting at the Baptist church closed Wednesday night, after a successful series of services were held daily, twice a day. The result was gratifying, there having been several conversions and additions to the church. The minister in charge of the revival was the Rev. Mr. Miller, of Marion, this State, a preacher of much more than ordinary ability. His preaching was of a high order, being eloquent, earnest and scriptural, and entirely devoid of the clap trap and rant which sometimes characterizes special efforts. The meeting just closed, while held in a Baptist church and conducted by a minister of that faith, was in a general sense, a union service, ministers of other denominations being present and taking active part in nearly all the meetings. The pews were filled nightly by attentive audiences.

Mr. Plummer, of the M. E. Church, expects to begin his meeting on the 23rd.

Wedded At Graves Shoals.

On Friday last, March 7, Miss Georgia, the pretty and popular daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Preston, was united in marriage to Mr. Frank Matney, of Pikeville. The bride is a sister of Mrs. Geo. Lawless, of this city, where she has often been a visitor. The groom is a highly respected young man, of good habits and reputation. His occupation is fireman on the C. and O.

DIED SUNDAY.

Dick Simpson, whose illness was noted by the NEWS last week, died in the hospital on Sunday morning last. The body was taken to Lowers Greasy the same evening, and on Monday it was brought to a burial ground not far from Louisa, where it was interred. His disease was acute jaundice. He is survived by a widow and several children.

RAILROAD UP BEAVER.

The long talked of railroad up Right Beaver is no longer doubted. Contractors have been in that section this week for the purpose of looking over the proposed road in order to make bids for its construction, which is to be let at New York City on the 13th inst. Work will begin on this road shortly after that date, and within 12 months the iron horse will be ploughing through the richest valley of our county, and possibly of our state.—Prestonsburg Monitor.

CHARGED WITH MURDER.

A sequel to the mysterious disappearance of Albert Onburn, November 20, 1911, was the issuance of warrants by Justice Stuart, charging William Hall, Eliza Irvin, Clarence McNeely and Mrs. Margie Hall with having accomplished his murder. One of the quartette, the woman, who is the wife of William Hall, is in the Huntington Jail, and a special officer has been dispatched to Logan county where the man are believed to have hidden themselves.

While playing Indian, Vinton Fitzgerald, aged eleven years, of Huntington, shot and killed himself Saturday.